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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the fiftieth year for the DeLand Homecoming; and

WHEREAS, DeLand is a small town in East Central Illinois, located on Route 10; it is situated near the central part of Goose Creek Township in Piatt County; it is the only village in the township to consist of about 54 sections; and

WHEREAS, DeLand was founded in 1873 by Thomas E. Bondurant, who had it laid out as an answer to the needs of the local farmers for a place from which to ship their grain; and

WHEREAS, September 1, 2006, through September 3, 2006, the Village of DeLand will celebrate the fiftieth year for the DeLand Homecoming with activities similar to the ones from the very first Homecoming; the Homecoming will include evening meals served by local organizations, a parade on Saturday morning, entertainment throughout the days and evenings on the stage, and tractor pulls for the children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The DeLand Homecoming is a time for remembering the past and getting together with friends and family before harvest begins; it is a way for the community to come together and celebrate the past and the present and look forward to the future; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the fiftieth year for the DeLand Homecoming; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Village of DeLand as an expression of our

1 esteem.